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Lazio s Immobile rescues draw with stoppage-time penalty

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USPA NEWS - Lazio striker Ciro Immobile scored a stoppage-time penalty to rescue a 1-1 draw against Bologna on Sunday and make amends for a string of wasted chances throughout the game.

Inter Milan suffered an even more frustrating afternoon

come from a goal down to win 2-1 as Inter captain Mauro Icardi, already under fire from his own fans over an autobiography, missed a penalty.

Immobile scored in the seventh minute of stoppage time and with the very last kick of the game after Bologna had taken the lead when Filip Helander, on loan from Verona, connected with a free kick to turn the ball in after 10 minutes.

Lazio reacted with Italy international Immobile hitting the post with a shot after half an hour and then having another effort cleared off the line.

It was an even more one-sided affair after the break with Bologna defending and Lazio trying to find a way back into the match but the visitors' keeper -- Angelo Da Costa -- made a sensational reflex save to deny Sergej Milinkovic-Savic from close range.

The Serb then missed another clear chance on the hour, controlling the ball well but firing over the bar from a tight angle as Lazio pushed for an equaliser.

A Milinkovic-Savic cut-back was then turned goalwards by a Bologna defender, but goalline technology showed it had not fully crossed the line when Da Costa once again came to the rescue to palm it away.

The Brazilian keeper was eventually beaten when Immobile converted from the penalty spot at the end of the game to rescue a point for the hosts.

The result leaves Lazio in fourth place on 14 points level with Napoli, who lost 3-1 to AS Roma on Saturday. Juventus are top on 21 after their 2-1 win over Udinese on Saturday.

Inter could have closed in on the top spots with a win and Joao Mario's 56th minute goal looked to be helping them towards the three points.

Earlier Icardi, who was criticised by the club's ultras over comments regarding their behaviour in his recent book, had missed a penalty for the hosts.

Cagliari pulled level with forward Federico Melchiorri in the 71st minute before an own goal by keeper Samir Handanovic, who turned Melchiorri's low cross in, completed a miserable afternoon for Inter, who now lie 11th on 11 points.

Sassuolo struck twice in the last seven minutes of the game to beat Crotone 2-1 and move into ninth on 12.

Inter's city rivals AC Milan take on Chievo Verona later on Sunday.

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